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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 9, 11 and 14-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 9, 11 and 14-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-4, 9, 11, and 14-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Okada (US PG PUB 2002/0046328).

Regarding claim 1, Okada discloses a recording medium having a data structure for managing reproduction of at least video data representing multiple reproduction paths, comprising:

a data area storing at least video data as a transport stream in more than one file, each file associated with a different one of the multiple reproduction paths, and the files being interleaved with one another (see page 2 paragraphs 0034-0037, page 8 paragraph 0175, paragraph 0193 and 0234, and figures 4, 26, and 29); and

a navigation area storing a first navigation unit, the first navigation unit including one or more second navigation units and controlling a reproduction order of the second navigation units, at least one second navigation unit referencing more than one third navigation unit, each third navigation unit indicating a separate file of video data in the data area to reproduce (see figures 42-44, leading address, amount of data, and next storage address).

Regarding claim 2, limitation of claim 2 can be found in claim 1 above. Therefore claim 2 is analyzed and rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 3, Okada discloses wherein each data block represents at least an intra-coded picture of video data (see figure 12 and paragraphs 0005-0009 in page 1 and paragraph 0167 in page 8).

Regarding claim 4, Okada discloses wherein each data block represents at least one group of pictures (GOP) (see figure 4).

Regarding claims 9 and 11, limitation of claims 9 and 11 can be found in claim 1 above. Therefore claims 9 and 11 are analyzed and rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 14, Okada discloses each reproduction path represents a digital channel (see pages 1-2).

Regarding claims 15, Okada discloses each reproduction path represents a sub-channel of an RF channel (see pages 1-2).

Regarding claims 16 and 17, limitation of claims 16 and 17 can be found in claim 1 above. Therefore claims 16 and 17 are analyzed and rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 18, Okada discloses an apparatus for recording a data structure for managing reproduction duration at least video data representing multiple reproduction paths, comprising: a driver for driving an optical recording device to record data on the recording medium (see figure 12 which shows a driver circuit 63); a controller for controlling the driver to record a transport stream of at least video data on the recording medium, the transport stream being divided into transport packets, each of the transport packets associated with one of the multiple reproduction paths, and the transport packets of each reproduction path being

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interleaved with one another, and the controller configured to control the driver to record a first navigation unit on the recording medium, the first navigation unit including one or more second navigation units and controlling a reproduction order of the second navigation units, at least one of the second navigation units referencing more than one third navigation unit, each third navigation unit indicating a separate file of video data to reproduce (see figure 12 which shows the driver circuit controlled by the controller MPU, and rejection of claim 1).

Claim 19 is rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 18 above.

Regarding claim 20, the limitation of claim 20 can be found in claim 1 above. Therefore claim 20 is analyzed and rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 1.

Regarding claim 21, Okada discloses a number of the third navigation units associated with the at least one of the second navigation units is equal to a number of the multiple reproduction paths (see figures 43-44).

Regarding claim 22, Okada discloses at least one of the second navigation units includes a field indicating whether the at least one of the second navigation units provides navigation information for multiple reproduction paths (see figures 43-44).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 1-4, 9, 11, ¹⁴⁻¹⁵~~14~~16 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claims are directed to a recording medium storing nonfunctional descriptive material.

Data structures not claimed as embodied in computer-readable media are descriptive material per se and are not statutory because they are neither physical “things” nor statutory

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processes. See, e.g. Warmerdam, 33 F. 3d at 1361, 31 USPQ2d at 1760 (claim to a data structure per se held nonstatutory) and merely claiming nonfunctional descriptive material stored in a computer-readable medium does not make it statutory. In addition a mere arrangements or compilations of facts or data, are merely stored so as to be read or outputted by a computer without creating any functional interrelationship either as part of the stored data or as part of the computing processes performed by the computer then such descriptive material alone does not impart functionality either to the data as so structured, or to the computer, and therefore are not statutory. See MPEP 2106.IV.B.1.

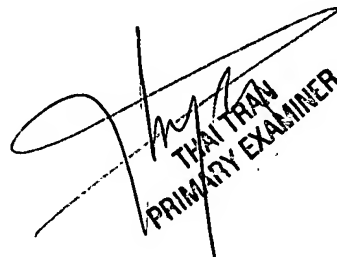
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HELEN SHIBRU whose telephone number is (571) 272-7329. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THAI Q. TRAN can be reached on (571) 272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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